

## The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Office Building this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001 with the following members present: Russ Frey, Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Bob Newsome, Vice Chairman, was absent.

### **8:30 Public Comment**

Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; and Chris Cassel, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Frey moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2001 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 2 - 0.

### **9:00 Business Meeting**

Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; Chris Cassel, Manhattan Mercury; Monty Wedel, Director of Planning and Development; Cindy Volanti, Clerk's Office; Darren Nelson; and Craig Schwartz, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for:

- Randal Lowry, a new hire, as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works Department, at a grade 2 step 2, at \$7.27 per hour, effective February 13, 2001.
- Squire L. Sircy, a new hire, as a Custodial Worker, in the Public Works Department, at a grade 4 step 1, at \$8.56 per hour, effective February 15, 2001.

- Trent Coen, Custodial Worker, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective February 2, 2001.

Johnson moved to approve the Valleywood Water Benefit District Emergency Water Supply Plan. Frey seconded. Carried 2 -0.

Schwartz expressed concern of Riley County not having a designated Hazardous Duty Pay definition in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

Johnson moved to approve Friday, February 9, 2001, as Administrative Leave for personnel, the day Riley County Offices were closed due to the snowstorm. Frey seconded. Carried 2 -0.

Johnson moved to approve the Agreement with the North Central - Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Relating to a Community Development Block Grant Application. Frey seconded. Carried 2 -0.

Frey moved to place on the business meeting agenda February 22, 2001 action on a Riley County Out of State Travel Request for Dana Harden and Rod Meredith to attend the National Association of County Engineers 2001 Annual Meeting and Management and Technical Conference. Johnson seconded. Carried 2 -0.

### **9:30 Press Conference**

Yolande Adair; Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; Chris Cassel, Manhattan Mercury; Steve Foreman, KMAN; Richelle Williams, Information Systems; Donna Borgerding, Treasurer's Office; Corey Swisher, Budget and Finance Officer; Steve Higgins, Planning and Development; and Barbara Withee, League of Women Voters, attended.

Frey presented Donna Borgerding the Employee of the Year for 2001 award. Borgerding has worked for Riley County for 15 years and currently works in the Treasurer's Office.

Vargo reminded everyone advance voting, at the County Clerk's Office, is open for the February 27, 2001 Primary Election through Monday, February 26, 2001 at noon. Vargo reported residents can now find their polling location on the Riley County website, [www.co.riley.ks.us](http://www.co.riley.ks.us), by typing in their name.

Frey, Swisher, Newsome and Vargo attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Regional Public Finance Conference in Wichita, February 14, 2001 – February 16, 2001.

Vargo reported the sessions on Dividing the Budget Pie: Evaluating Competing Departments I "Wants" and Sales Taxes: Challenges and Opportunities were beneficial in discussing, as related to Riley County's issues.

Swisher reported the Public Finance Conference addressed alternative methods for budgeting and capital financing.

Johnson attended the Kansas Leadership Academy for County Commissioners, "Introduction to the Commissioner's Job". Johnson said the seminar addressed commissioners' responsibilities on policy, budgetary, human resources, legal issues and the open meetings and records acts.

Frey said the Kansas Leadership Academy for County Commissioners was developed two years ago by the Kansas Association of Counties.

Frey said the Public Finance Conference presented financial analysis tools, debt capital financing options, sales tax issues, and budgeting issues local governments face.

The Board of County Commissioners recommend placing a picture and plaque in recognition of the Riley County Employee of the Year, in the Riley County Office Building Lobby annually.

**10:18** Recessed until the Law Enforcement Agency Meeting.

**1:30** Johnson moved to adjourn. Frey seconded. Carried 2 -0.